most of time of litigations' appearing in the Pioneer dated October 7, 1997;

(b) if so,the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps, the Government propose to take to mitigate the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is being looked into and a detailed response will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Schemes for Development of Education in Chandigarh**

903. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain schemes were chalked out for the improvement and development of education and educational institutions in the Union Territory Chandigarh for 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of mony allocated to each one of them and the amount actually spent therefrom; and

(d) the quantum of money which remained unutilised during the said period and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKAI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

*[Translation]*

**Etectronic Exchanges in U.P.**

904. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA':

SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM:

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Electronic and manual telephone exchanges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges converted into electronic exchanges during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of new electronic exchanges set up during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the number of exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) I. As on 31.10.97, 22508 electronic telephone exchanges are functioning in the country. Statewise details given in statement.

II. There is no manual telephone exchange functioning in the country.

(b) 2316 telephone exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges during the last three years (1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97). Statewise details are given in the statement enclosed.

(c) 3259 new electronic telephone exchanges have been set up during the last three years (1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97). State-wise details are given in the statement enclosed.

(d) 205 telephone exchanges are proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during the current financial year.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of State | No. of electronic exchanges as on 31.10.97 | No. of Manual exchs. as on 31.10.97 | No. of telephone exchs. converted into electronic exchs. during last 3 years | No. of electronic exchs. set up during last three years |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. | A.P. | 1957 | NIL | 640 | 58 |
| 2. | Assam | 299 | NIL | 4 | 33 |
| 3. | Arunachal Pradesh | 65 | NIL | NIL | 20 |
| 4. | Bihar | 827 | NIL | 13 | 83 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 1395 | NIL | 166 | 161 |